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Reds Try U. S. Tourist as Spy; Leipzig Fair Official Defects

American Said
To Admit Guilt,
Ordered Ousted

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By The Associated Press

LONDON, Oct. 16. — One of two American tourists expelled from the Soviet Union last week was first tried on spy charges and sentenced to seven years in jail. Radio Moscow said today. The broadcast said the sentence was commuted to expulsion because of his "sincere" confession and repentance.

The American is Mark I. Kaminsky, twenty-six, of Jefferson Township, Mich. He and Harvey C. Bennett, twenty-six, of Tracy, Calif., entered Russia as tourists July 27 and dropped out of sight in mid-August. The State Department at Washington said Friday they had been expelled from the Soviet Union.

The two were said to have been ousted at the Soviet-Czechoslovak border town of Uzhgorod. The American Embassies at Vienna and Prague were alerted to aid the men, but spokesmen at the embassies said the Americans had made no contact with them. American officials in Vienna speculated the two might drive through Czechoslovakia and into West Germany.

Mr. Kaminsky and Mr. Bennett were touring Russia by car and were en route from Moscow to Minsk when they were arrested Aug. 25 on spy charges.

Moscow charged they deviated widely from their route, and that Mr. Kaminsky collected intelligence information



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Mark I. Kaminsky, one of two Americans expelled from Russia.

and took pictures of defense installations in the western Ukraine and elsewhere.

Today's broadcast said films and notebooks were taken from Mr. Kaminsky and he was put on trial for espionage under article 2 of the law on criminal liability for state crimes.

"During the preliminary investigation and at the trial, Kaminsky pleaded guilty, and Bennett, who appeared as a witness, denounced Kaminsky's activities and declared they were incompatible with tourism," the broadcast said.

The broadcast said the Soviet Foreign Ministry had sent a communication to the American Embassy demanding that "immediate measures be taken to discontinue the use of tourism for intelligence purposes."

Sports Leader,
2 TV Executives
Also Join West

By The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Oct. 16.—

Hans Joachim Spangenberg, a high official of Communist East Germany's Leipzig Fair, has defected to Frankfurt with his wife, police said today.

His flight highlighted the increasing number of East Germans—officials and just plain people—who recently have sought asylum in the West.

Police quoted Mr. Spangenberg as saying he defected after his attempts to turn the fair "into a bridge between the two halves of Germany" failed. They declined to say how, when or where he left.

The Hamburg newspaper "Bild am Sonntag" quoted Mr. Spangenberg as saying, "The Leipzig Fair and the invitations sent to West German firms (to display) have only one purpose—political propaganda for East Germany."

Leading West German businessmen announced recently they would no longer display at the fair.

The Hamburg paper said Mr. Spangenberg at one time served two years as a trade specialist in Moscow.

Sport Leader Flees

Last Monday, Werner Scharch, president of East Germany's cycling federation and head organizer of the 1960 world bicycling championships in Leipzig, fled to Vienna.

Last Wednesday, two East German television executives fled to West Berlin. They were accused of injecting too many "decadent and uncultured" swinging rhythms into their musical shows. The two, Werner Schall and Hans Joachim Huettenrauch, were called "swine with dirty imaginations (who) were guilty of Western thinking and decadence" by the TV executives they left behind.

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